

[No Report.]

FEBRUARY 17, 1847.

Read twice, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. McKAY, from the Committee of Ways and Means, reported the following bill :

A BILL

To increase the revenue derivable from duties on imports, also from the sales of the public lands, to aid in the prosecution of the war with Mexico.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That*
3 from and after the passage of this act there shall be levied, col-
4 lected, and paid a duty of twenty per cent. ad valorem on tea
5 and coffee imported thereafter into the United States from for-
6 eign countries.

1 Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted, That* from and after
2 the passage of this act there shall be levied, collected, and paid
3 an additional duty of ten per cent. ad valorem on the following
4 articles thereafter imported into the United States from foreign
5 countries, namely : loaf and other refined sugar ; coal ; bar iron
6 manufactured by rolling ; pig iron ; round iron, as braziers' rods,
7 of three-sixteenths to ten-sixteenths of an inch in diameter, inclu-
8 sive ; nail or spike rods, slit, rolled, or hammered ; sheet iron, (ex-

cept taggers';) hoop iron; band or scroll iron; casement rods, slit,
 rolled, or hammered; wood screws (of iron;) spikes, cut or
 wrought, and white and red lead.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That from and after the
 passage of this act there shall be levied, collected, and paid an
 additional duty of five per cent. ad valorem on the following
 articles imported thereafter into the United States from foreign
 countries, namely: manufactures of cotton, if dyed, colored,
 printed, or stained, exceeding in value thirty cents the square
 yard; and manufactures of cotton not dyed, colored, printed, or
 stained, exceeding in value twenty cents the square yard.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the duties im-
 posed by this act shall cease two years after the exchange and
 ratification of a treaty of peace with Mexico: *Provided*, That
 the duties laid by this act shall be collected on all such goods,
 wares, and merchandise as shall have been imported previous to
 the day on which the said duties are to cease.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That all lands belong-
 ing to the United States which have been in market and sub-
 ject to entry for ten years, and not more than fifteen years, may
 be entered at one dollar per acre; all lands belonging to the
 United States, and which have been in market and subject to
 entry for fifteen years, and not more than twenty-five years,
 may be entered at seventy-five cents per acre; and all such
 lands which have been in market and subject to entry for

9 more than twenty-five years, may be entered at fifty cents per
10 acre. This section to take effect from and after the first of
11 May, eighteen hundred and forty-seven, and to continue in force
12 only during the existing war with Mexico, and for six months
13 after the ratification of a treaty of peace with her.